

memorandum

DATE: October 23, 2007

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: IG-21

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Act Request from Edward Brost, F2007-000520

TO: Christy Brannon
Bonneville Power Administration


OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
RECEIVED BY BPA FOIA OFFICE THIS
DATE: 10-31-07
DUE DATE: 11-30-07
LOG # 08-005

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) received the attached request for information from Mr. Edward Brost under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552. Mr. Brost asked for copies of documents related to an ethics allegation made against him around the time of his retirement from Bonneville on October 31, 2006. Specifically, he asked for:

1. A copy of the allegation and electronic mail or other supporting information (excluding portions of power sales contracts) included with the allegation; and
2. A list of people, if any, who were contacted by either Bonneville's General Counsel or the Office of Inspector General (IG) in performing their reviews or investigations.

As part of the search and review of our files for documents responsive to the request, the attached documents, Document Number 2 through 7 and 21 were identified that originated with Bonneville Power Administration. For this reason, I am forwarding the documents to your office for review and a release determination. Also enclosed is a copy of Mr. Brost's FOIA request and our final response.

Please respond to Mr. Brost directly and provide a copy of your response letter to Ms. Janice Rakes, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, IG-21, Room 5A-235, in order to complete our files. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Rakes on (202) 586-4143.


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Enclosures

June 16, 2007

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am an individual (a retired Bonneville employee) seeking information and/or records under the Freedom of Information Act or Privacy Act. I understand that in my capacity as the accused employee I have no right to view the requested information and have been denied access to it. Accordingly, I am formally requesting that I be provided copies of documents related to an ethics allegation made against me around the time of my retirement from Bonneville on October 31, 2006.)

Specifically, I am requesting a copy of the allegation and emails or other supporting information (excluding portions of power sales contracts) included with the allegation. The allegation was apparently submitted by a Bonneville employee to Bonneville's Office of General Counsel who in turn submitted it to the DOE Inspector General's Office in Richland, WA. If the original allegation was supplemented or amended by Bonneville's General Counsel, this request covers both the original submittal to Bonneville and the subsequent submittal to the IG. As part of the request, I am requesting lists of people, if any, who were contacted by either Bonneville's General Counsel or the IG in performing their reviews or investigations.

The requested information is for personal and not commercial use. Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it may contribute significantly to public understanding of an operation or activity of government (ethics practices, compliance and due process) that has great public interest and that has no commercial interest.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request. The requested documents should be well under 100 pages and take less than 2 hours to fulfill. If a fee waiver is not granted, I am willing to pay fees up to a maximum of \$100. While this request is being made both to Bonneville and DOE HQ, my intent is not to receive duplicate documents but rather to allow you to coordinate and fulfill the request at the earliest possible time. I would be willing to review the documents in your offices in lieu of receiving copies of them.

If you have any questions, I can be reached by telephone at 509 542-5901 or by email at joed.brost@verizon.net.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. This request is executed on this 16th day of June 2007.

/s/ Edward J. Brost
Edward J. Brost

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